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WELL DONE.

Brother Stephen Passes Peacefully Away After Long and Useful Life.

Made Happy Before Death by Benediction From Holy Father.

Was the Virtual Founder of Famed St. Xavier's College.

HERE OVER HALF A CENTURY

Old men, young men and boys through the city and numbered in the thousands, were deeply grieved though not surprised Tuesday when they learned that Brother Stephen, aged eighty-seven years and the oldest member of the Xavarian Brotherhood in the world, virtual founder of St. Xavier's College in Louisville, and one of the pioneer members of the order in this country, died of the infirmities of age at his room at the college on Broadway, near Second. His illness dated back to last June, when he was prostrated by the heat. Five weeks ago his condition became so serious that he was forced to relinquish his duties as Secretary and Treasurer of the college. Brother Stephen received the benediction of Pope Pius Thursday from Mgr. Diomed Falconio, upon the occasion of the latter's visit to the college. He had expressed the wish that he receive the Papal benediction before death.

Brother Stephen had been in Louisville fifty-four years of the latter's visit to the college. He was born April 6, 1825, at Attendorn, near Munster, Westphalia, Germany. He went to Munster early in life after having been graduated from high school, and there, while playing the trade of a tailor, conceived a plan for the betterment of young men a prey to the allurements of the city. He associated himself with others in the work, organizing what is now known as the Kopling Institute, similar to the Young Men's Institute in America. Soon the society extended throughout the German Empire, and to other European countries. Brother Stephen's work accomplished, withdrew from the work and Father Kopling, for whom it was named, took charge.

At the age of twenty-three years Brother Stephen, or Adolph Sommers, resolved to join the Xavarian Brotherhood, which had been founded nine years before at Bruges, Belgium, by Theodore Ryken. He was admitted to the order December 8, 1848. Previous to his entrance he continued to work as a tailor. He came to America in 1856, after having perfected himself in the English language in England. However, the brotherhood was undergoing financial crisis, and soon afterward the brothers in America were recalled to Europe. Brother Stephen, with Brother Francis, decided to remain in this country to fight the battle and in a few years their efforts were rewarded.

Upon coming to Louisville Brother Stephen was installed at St. Patrick's school, but the following year became a teacher at the school of the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Eighth and Grayson streets, where he remained for a number of years. He was appointed novice master of a novitiate established here in 1860, when a colony of brothers came to this country from Europe. He went to St. Mary's Industrial School in 1879, and subsequently became a member of the faculty of St. Xavier's College, now St. Xavier's College. In 1893 Brother Stephen celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the congregation of St. Xavier, at the time being one of six brothers in the world who had spent fifty years of their lives in the work of the order. Brother Stephen was one of the first directors of St. Xavier's College and was regarded as its virtual founder. Until fifteen years ago he held the chair of German at the college, at that time becoming Secretary and Treasurer. Among his pupils at St. Xavier's and at the school at Eighth and Grayson streets were many prominent members of the clergy and laity of the city.

Brother Stephen was known to thousands of pupils and graduates of St. Xavier's School. He was a favorite with them. Notwithstanding his advanced age, until forced to resign last summer, he possessed unusual vitality and walked erect as a youth. His memory was considered remarkable. The body laid in state until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, when a requiem mass was solemnized, the Rev. Father Louis G. Deppen officiating. The Rev. Father Andrew Thome acting as deacon, the Rev. Father G. A. Weiss as sub-deacon, and the Rev. Father George W. Schumann as master of ceremonies. All of the participants in the mass were pupils of Brother Stephen. Members of the Xavarian Brotherhood attached to St. Xavier's College acted as pallbearers, the burial being in St. Louis cemetery.

Brother Isidore, of Baltimore, Provincial of the Xavarian Brothers, and many clergy and former pupils attended the funeral.

HONOR FOR COL. COWAN.

Louisville and Kentucky friends of Col. Andrew Cowan were elated yesterday when the intelligence was given that the Society of the Army

of the Potomac at its annual reunion at Providence, R. I., had elected him President. Col. Cowan was a Union soldier and fought through the civil war, his skill and bravery winning for him special recognition and promotion. Coming to Louisville from Auburn, N. Y., Col. Cowan has enjoyed the respect and confidence of all soldiers, and none are more rejoiced than they that the honor should fall upon his shoulders.

BUSY DAYS.

Papal Delegate Visits Several Local Catholic Institutions.

The Most Rev. Diomed Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, spent two busy days in Louisville before returning to Washington Friday. The Papal delegate was met at the Union Station by the Rev. Father Francis Felten, who accompanied him in an automobile to the Bishop's residence. Later in the morning Mgr. Falconio went to St. Xavier's College. While there he bestowed the Papal benediction on the students of the college and later delivered a short address, urging the necessity of diligence in study, saying that success was sure to crown persevering effort. Bishop O'Donoghue also made a short talk. At noon the Apostolic Delegate was the guest of honor at a banquet given at the college. Accompanied by Bishop O'Donoghue and several priests Mgr. Falconio went to the Sacred Heart Academy. The trip was made in an automobile and after going over the institution the Papal delegate returned to Bishop O'Donoghue's house. Bishop C. P. Maes, of Covington, who returned from Bardonia with Mgr. Falconio, left Louisville in the afternoon for Covington.

Monsignor Falconio celebrated his mass Saturday morning in the private chapel of Bishop O'Donoghue, after which, accompanied by the Bishop, the Rev. Father P. M. Monaghan, the Rev. Father Francis Felten, the Rev. Father L. G. Deppen, the Very Rev. James P. Cronin, Vicar General, he began his inspection of Louisville charitable institutions and hospitals. First the party went to St. Joseph's infirmary, where the representative of Pope Pius was received cordially by the Sisters in charge and priests of the Louisville diocese. Next St. Helena's Home, adjoining the infirmary, was visited, and then Mgr. Falconio was taken to the Home for the Aged Poor, in Tenth street. The residents of the home were gathered in the chapel, where Mgr. Falconio delivered a short address. Later the convent of the Good Shepherd, in Eighth street, was visited and the Papal benediction was bestowed by the Papal delegate.

St. Augustine's church, Thirtieth street and Broadway, which was completed recently, was inspected next. Mgr. Falconio being shown through the edifice and rectory by the Rev. Father Felten, the pastor. The last institutions visited during the morning were the convent of the Good Shepherd, 2214 Bank street, and the Presentation Academy, in Fourth street. Mgr. Falconio took luncheon at the Bishop's residence. During the afternoon St. Anthony's Hospital, the Home of the Passionist Fathers, in the Newburg road; the Franciscan Monastery, Jackson street and Fahr avenue; convent of St. Louis Bertrand, 1104 South Sixth street; the Home of the Dominican Fathers, St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital were inspected.

GOOD WORK.

Benefits Gained by Membership in Ancient Order.

Division 1, A. O. H., met Tuesday night with the largest attendance for some time past. President William Murphy and all the officers being present. At this meeting there was another forceful illustration of the benefits to be derived from membership in the Ancient Order. When announcement was made of the death of Frank Kinney, prayers were offered for the repose of his soul, and immediately after a warrant was drawn upon Treasurer Thomas Lawler for the full amount of the death benefit and the next day the same was turned over to the bereaved widow. John Holden and Thomas Shannon were reported still on the sick list and orders were also drawn for their benefit.

John J. Barry and William J. Connors, of the East End, were given a hearty welcome after receiving the obligation and will form part of a large class that will soon receive the degree of the order. Capt. Thomas Dolan announced the names and plans for the new degree team, and his remarks created a good feeling. Attention was called to the invitation to the meeting of Division 3 on October 17 and all were requested to be there. The proceedings were then continued by talks by Thomas Tarpey, Thomas Keenan, Martin Cusick, Tim Sullivan, James Barry, Michael Collins, Thomas Lawler and others, who encouraged the officers and predicted a great growth in membership before the close of the jubilee year.

CHURCH FOR COLORED PEOPLE.

Last Sunday morning at Little Rock, Ark., Right Rev. Bishop Morris dedicated St. Bartholomew's church and school for colored people. The buildings are a credit not only to Father Hoffinger and his congregation, but to the city as well. Six Sisters of the Holy Ghost will have charge of the school, in which probably 150 pupils will be enrolled.

POLITICS.

Republican Campaigners Describing the Firing Line Day by Day.

Realize That This a Democratic Year Over the Country.

Judge O'Rear Is Left to Bear Brunt of Hopeless Task.

M'DERMOTT MAKING IMPRESSION

The vigor with which the Democrats are pursuing their campaign under the leadership of Gov. McCreary and Edward J. McDermott has enthused every Democrat in the State, and victory in Kentucky and the nation is now the battle cry. Every Democratic voter should remember that he casts a vote this year that will not only elect a Governor, but will make possible the election of a Democratic ticket. Judge O'Rear is vainly trying to keep these national questions out of the campaign, but the voters themselves want them answered, and it will not do for the Republican leader to evade the issue. The Republicans are split into fragments in every State, while the Democrats have won repeated victories by standing shoulder to shoulder. We will not only redeem Kentucky this year but we will lay the foundation for success in the nation next year.

As a convincing proof that the Republicans are seeing the handwriting on the wall, notice the weak attempts at campaigning they are putting forth. Day by day they are dropping from the firing line, leaving O'Rear to bear the brunt, and he must even realize now that this is a Democratic year and there must be a clean sweep at Frankfort and Old Louisville must represent the grand old Commonwealth in the United States Senate. The Democrats never had a better ticket of a stronger platform, and it is to the interest of every Democrat and loyal citizen to give hearty support and prepare the way for a national victory next year.

As predicted by the Kentucky Irish American, our own Edward J. McDermott is proving a revelation on the stump and the people throughout the State are learning what the local people always have known, that he is one of the most eloquent, forceful and convincing speakers in the South, and if elected as Lieutenant Governor will be a credit and honor to the State. Realizing that they had gotten the worst of it in an argument with Mr. McDermott, the Evening Post is now gloating over the fact that he was beaten in his race for Congress by Judge Evans seventeen years ago, failing to state that the Post's present A. P. A. allies were guilty of an underhanded bigot campaign, which has been a source of regret to some of our leading citizens and Protestant ministers since, who now appreciate Mr. McDermott for his true worth.

The members of the local Democratic Committee are pleased with the present situation here and expect to roll up a big majority for the State and local ticket, the present General Council being sure of an endorsement by the public, they contributing in a great measure to Mayor Head's splendid administration. Concerning the nomination for Judge of the Chancery branch, First Division, James Quarles is the only aspirant so far and should be given the nomination and no attention paid to the suggestion of the Post and others who wish an Indiana election. If the situation was reversed and the Republican party reasonably sure of a victory Bingham and his friends would scorn any such suggestion from their Democratic friends. Anyway, as a candidate Bingham has lost prestige with the public, who believes his politics is like Joseph's, being "a coat of too many colors."

REILING-WEBER.

Their many friends throughout the city will be pleasantly surprised to learn that Miss Mayne Charlotte Reiling and Theo. Weber will be united in the holy bonds of wedlock at St. Boniface church at 9 o'clock on the morning of October 18. Both are well known and for several years past have been prominent figures in Catholic society circles. Father Richard Wurth, O. F. M., will be the celebrant of the nuptial mass and will also perform the marriage ceremony. The attendants will be Misses Mariana Winberg and Minnie Ohr Vonderbeck, with Miss Celeste Weber aiding as maid of honor. After the wedding festivities the worthy couple will leave for an Easter honeymoon trip. After November 5 they will be at home to their friends in their new and elegant home in Speech's Court.

PRIEST SIGHTS COMET.

Father Martin S. Brennan, S. J., the St. Louis priest-astronomer, has sighted a tramp comet which he terms a real publicity seeker, as its tail may be plainly seen with opera glasses. The head or nucleus is visible to the naked eye, just to the south and west of the star Chubana, which is sometimes known as the "tail of the dragon." The head is much

larger than that of Halley's comet or others which have been noted in recent years. Its origin and identity are unknown, according to the astronomer, who accredits its appearance as being another one of the freak formations of the nebulous matter. The comet is easily seen after 8 p. m. and thereafter through the hours before daylight.

GOOD START

For Bazar Fund of the Catholic Woman's Club.

At the meeting last Monday of the workers for the Catholic Woman's Club bazar, which is to be given for four days beginning October 18, at Liederkranz Hall, it was announced by Chas. F. Taylor that good returns were being received from combination books sent out and that Treasurer Al S. Smith had over \$300 in bank to the credit of the bazar fund, this being a good start toward wiping out the total debt of the club, which amounts to \$11,000. The following complete committees were announced:

Candy and Fish Pond—Miss Stella O'Connor, Chairman; Mesdames W. D. Morris, L. F. Meyer, M. Meyer; Misses Louise Rademaker, Mary Tierney, Dora Schildt, Lucy Higgins, Elizabeth Hayes, Marie Coleman, Irene Curran, Loretto Tighe, Lillian Faust, Laura Raffo, Rena Eckert, Elizabeth Lauter, Mayme Schumann, Louise and Katie Rose Dant; Messrs. James Perry, W. D. Morris, Eugene McCarthy, William P. McDonough, Dan Lawler, Lawrence Hackett and Leo Schulten. Invitation—Dr. P. S. Ganz, Edward T. Tierney and Roger Doherty. Country Store—Mrs. P. J. Callahan, Chairman; Mesdames J. Rainey, J. Galvin, E. Tierney, E. Egan, J. Kirwan, W. Price, Frank Geher, Leo Schumann, William Solger, William Pfingst, Charles Jones, A. Whayne, E. Kampfmüller, H. A. Kampfmüller, Frank Parsons, Al Smith; Misses Mamie and Ida Schumann, Stella Buckley, Mattie Wehrley, Elizabeth Schulz, Ada Geierland, Annabelle Rafferty, Flora Reckertwald, Virginia Watson, Clara Murphy, Alice and Elizabeth Hays and the following from New Haven: Mrs. John Wathen, Misses Fannie Thompson, Janora Rigault and Leona Rapier.

GROWING.

C. K. and L. of A. Busy Receiving Applications.

Branch 10 of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America held an open meeting in St. Francis of Rome school hall last Monday evening and those present were entertained with vocal and instrumental selections, followed by short addresses on the principles of the society by Rev. Father White, John X. Kessick, Andrew Kast, Mrs. H. Doherty, Misses Katie Henley, Mamie Hannan, Katie Reardon and Sallie Winn. District Deputy John J. Score was present and stated that C. K. and L. of A. was gaining in membership, and he had visited Branches 3, 10 and 11 in the past week and each was busy receiving applications. Mr. Score announced that he would have the members of the Central Committee as his guests on Thursday, and President Kast, of the Central Committee, stated that the Central Committee in the future would meet on the third Friday of each month at Bertrand Hall. All of the inspectors have been urged to make a visit to their respective branches during the coming month.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Anna Robben, a pioneer member of St. Boniface church, closed a long and useful life last Friday and was buried Monday morning. She came to this country from Germany while a child and had since resided here. Three sons, George, Henry and Herman Robben, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Elliott and Mrs. Sophie McCloskey, and twenty grandchildren survive her.

The funeral of Mrs. Theresa App took place from St. Anthony's church of which she was one of the oldest members, last Sunday, and was largely attended. Mrs. App was born in Germany seventy-nine years ago, coming to America when a young girl. Surviving her are one daughter, Mrs. Harry Boegershauser, and five sons, Andrew, Peter, Edward, Bernard and William, with whom she made her home.

RECENT DEATHS.

The funeral of Martin Roehrig, a well known and highly respected printer, took place Monday morning from St. Boniface church and was attended by many members of the Typographical Union, with which he had been prominently identified. While standing in front of the family home, 811 East Madison street, yesterday afternoon he was stricken with heart trouble as the cause of death. The deceased is survived by an aged mother, Mrs. Catherine Roehrig, two brothers, Louis and Jacob Roehrig, and two sisters, Mrs. Katie Gephardt and Mrs. Tillie Kraus.

COVINGTON.

Tomorrow afternoon there will be a great parade of the Holy Name societies of Covington and the surrounding cities, ending with services at Goodell Park. Judge M. T. Shine will be the Grand Marshal of the parade.

HOLY NAME.

Great Interest Manifested in the Congress to Be Held at Baltimore.

Large Attendance Is Expected at First Gathering of Big Society.

Cardinal Gibbons and Apostolic Delegate Falconio Will Attend.

WILL CONTINUE TWO DAYS

Since Right Rev. Bishop Corrigan has issued the programme for the Holy Name Congress, which meets in Baltimore on October 16 and 17, the correspondence of the Holy Name Bureau shows that great interest is being manifested in the coming national gathering of lay delegates, spiritual directors, both local and diocesan, Bishops and Archbishops. Many societies at great distance from Baltimore have proven their spirit of self-sacrifice by the individual members volunteering to bear the expense of sending their spiritual director. Other societies at distant points are determined to devise means of defraying the expenses of one or two lay-delegates. It is the same consoling fact so constantly recurring in Holy Name work—namely, how responsive Holy Name men are if they receive anything like proper encouragement.

A priest has written a strong letter urging that the congress recommend that the best qualified priests be chosen as far as possible to be spiritual directors of the Holy Name Society. A society is flourishing today because of the interest and activity of the spiritual director. It is moribund tomorrow because another spiritual director has no interest. "Surely in the interest of religion," continues the correspondence, "it is vital to have a flourishing Holy Name Society. It is suggested that every effort be made to have the Holy Name congress recommend that pastors and Bishops, when they have a choice of priests, select those best qualified as directors of the Holy Name Society. Can not something be done to impress on our seminarians before coming out the importance of preparing themselves to handle men by making them practice their religion through the organized effort of the Holy Name Society?"

All Holy Name Societies are invited to send as many delegates as they wish to the congress. Naturally societies far distant from Baltimore can not send many. Societies in the neighboring dioceses of Baltimore are earnestly invited to send delegates in large numbers. Societies that bear the expense of sending delegates of course choose the delegates to be sent. Every Holy Name man in the United States who can himself bear the expense of going to the congress is invited as a delegate. The local spiritual directors, with the diocesan directors and Bishops and Archbishops make up the Advisory Board of the congress. It is hoped that every local Holy Name director who can without great sacrifice be present at the congress will do so. Where this is impossible local directors are asked to name some priest, if they know any, attending the congress to represent them. The diocesan directors, with the Bishops and Archbishops, constitute the Executive Board. The Right Rev. Bishop Corrigan, D. D., has directed personal letters to the diocesan directors. It is earnestly hoped that every diocesan director will be present at the congress. If this be possible, it is hoped that a representative will be appointed.

With the Bishops and Archbishops rests the authority of the government of a Holy Name Society. For this reason it is especially opportune to convene the congress when so many were gathered to do honor to the Prince of the Church of North America, His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons. Those promoting the congress earnestly hope that the Bishops and Archbishops present in Baltimore will be able to arrange prior to leaving their dioceses to stay over for at least Monday, October 16. There will be a meeting on Monday morning at which His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, His Excellency the Most Rev. Apostolic Delegate Monsignor Falconio, the Most Rev. Archbishops, the Right Rev. Bishops and the diocesan directors or their representatives of these prelates will attend. Resolutions and recommendations will be considered and approved at this meeting. In the afternoon there will be a monster Holy Name parade.

WILL HELP.

Sunday, October 1, Father Ambrose, from the Passionist Monastery, will go to Canellinton, Ind., where he will assist the pastor, the Rev. G. H. Moss, in the Forty Hours' devotion at St. Michael's church. Father Ambrose, one of the most eloquent men in the order, will preach the opening sermon.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

One of the most important sessions ever held by the Catholics of the United States will be the coming Eucharistic Congress to open in Cincinnati September 28. In the group of

clergymen expected here for the congress there will be seven Archbishops, thirty-three Bishops and many priests, it being estimated that in all there will be over 300. Hope is entertained that Cardinal Gibbons may be present, but this is not entirely assured. The sessions of the congress will be very impressive and the discussion of religion's deepest side will occupy those in the assembly. The Right Rev. Denis O'Donoghue, of Louisville, will be one of the Bishops present.

SPLENDID

Start Made by Division 3, A. O. H., Monday Night.

Division 3 made a splendid start for fall work Monday night, the hall being thronged when President Coleman took his chair. After complimenting the members for their excellent showing one application was read and announcement made that not one member was sick. Lawrence J. Mackey reported the proceedings of the Catholic Federation and John Heskon made a full statement of the business transacted at the County Board meeting. Secretary Tom Stevens reported that his committee had visited Division 1, which had cheerfully granted the request for the use of Falls City Hall for the initiation set for Tuesday, October 17. President Coleman called attention to the general invitation to the meeting of Division 2 in its new hall at Sixth and Walnut as could be seen.

The business was rushed in order that the Literary Committee might have full sway for the amateur night arranged among the members. This time a new and pleasing feature was included instrumental and vocal selections by Messrs. Barney Muldoon, of Division 4; President D. J. Coleman, Thomas Kennedy, P. T. Sullivan, Joseph Lannahan, James Broderick, William Hardman, John Mackey, John Broderick, Charles Morris, John Heskon, Jr., Charles Quinn, Edward McDonald, Martin Sheehan and Pat Mulloy. Exhibitions of Irish reels and step dancing were given by John Mulloy, John Mullaney, Mat Muldoon, Martin Sheehan and James Horan, while recitations were rendered by Thomas Stevens, James Horan, Lawrence Mackey, John Heskon, Sr., and John Riley. To cap all there was a big supply of fine cigars, and hope was expressed that all will follow the lead of Division 3, which means many more members for the jubilee year.

QUIT WORK.

Employees of Big Systems Tie Up Ireland's Railroads.

A great mass meeting of railway employees was held Monday night in Dublin and a resolution adopted in favor of a general strike on the Great Southern & Western, the Great Northern, and the Midland Great Western, the three principal railroads in Ireland. So serious do the authorities regard the situation that all the Dublin regiments which are on duty in practice have been ordered to return to the city. Little violence has yet been reported. The Royal Irish constabulary and the Dublin mounted police are guarding the railway stations. The questions of an increase in wages or shorter hours does not enter into the present trouble. The men have made no demands in this direction. The strike is due to the refusal of the three railways to accede to the demand of their employees that the railways decline to handle consignments of timber from firms involved in disputes with their employees. At Queenstown the whole station staff with the exception of the stationmaster quit work, and the same thing happened at Cork, completely tying up traffic.

Tuesday night the Executive Committee of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants adopted a resolution setting forth that unless the railway companies renege all the men and cease penalizing for refusal to handle "blackleg traffic" the society will call additional strikes. The strike continues to spread. All traffic to England has ceased. There were only two trains into and out of Limerick Tuesday. No violence is reported, but troops are guarding the Great Southwestern.

CALLED TO HER REWARD.

Mrs. Edward T. Bright, wife of former Police Captain Edward Bright, and one of the most highly esteemed members of St. Charles congregation, was called to her heavenly reward last Saturday morning, following an operation for cancer. The deceased was born in this city and was known throughout Louisville for her many unostentatious charities. Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. J. O'Connor and Misses Elizabeth and Daisy Bright, and two sons, John and George Bright, all of Louisville, for whom there is the greatest sympathy. The funeral took place Monday morning from St. Charles church, which was thronged with mourning friends and relatives.

SELECTED FOR CATHEDRAL.

The installation of Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs as Bishop of Toledo will take place on October 4 in St. Francis de Sales church, which has been chosen for the Cathedral. Bishop Richter, of Grand Rapids, whom Bishop Schrembs has been installing as auxiliary, will preach the installation sermon.

AWAKEN

New Spirit of Enterprise Energy Now Pervading Ireland.

Infused Into Agricultural Industries Within Twenty Years.

What the Department of Agriculture Has Accomplished.

HER ADVANCE HAS BEEN

The Dundalk Democrat, watching of Ireland's best interest, noting an article in one of the Irish English monthly magazines, the "Pig-headed British Farmer," says it illustrates John Bull with an imaginary boar's head on his broad shoulders, and it discusses his out-of-date methods, his want of up-to-date scientific knowledge and of enterprise, and his obstinate adherence to the lines followed by his great grandfather. It tells of the millions that go out of England annually—not alone for breadstuffs and beet sugar, but for bacon and butter and poultry and eggs and vegetables and fruit, while thousands of acres of good land lie uncultivated because British farming according to the antiquated methods of the eighteenth century "does not pay." Contrast this, it continues, with the new spirit of inquiry, of enterprise and of energy that has been infused into Irish agriculture and its allied industries during the past twelve years. Unquestionably we owe a debt of gratitude to the men who founded the Department of Agriculture in Ireland and to the men who are directing its useful activities. There have been many faultfinders with the department; for we are fond of faultfinding in Ireland—and the department has not been without faults, being a human institution. But we must fairly take a broad view of its work and credit it not only with tangible results, but with the more progressive spirit infused into Irish farmers and the advance that has been made in many directions toward improved methods of production and marketing and better conditions of living. The department began its work under happy auspices. It found the Irish farmer newly franchised and shaking off apathy engendered of an evil system of land tenure, which permitted landlords to tax the industry of his tenants and put a premium on slovenliness. The soil was therefore ready for the seed, and there are signs that we shall have a harvest of happiness and prosperity in the future.

Secretary Gill was justified in claiming that the Dundalk Show that there has been a marked advance in the condition of rural Ireland since the department commenced its work. The great bureau of which he is the official mouthpiece has certainly guided and directed the newly awakened energies of our agricultural classes into many profitable and worthy channels. It has helped also to encourage a spirit of industrial enterprise and to enable struggling infant industries to find their feet. Naturally in this latter line it has had many failures; but that has not been the fault of the department. An industrial community is not built up in a day or a year, and the slower the growth, so long as it is growth, the more certainty of endurance.

Mr. Gill is an optimist, and it is well to have an optimist in a position such as he occupies, especially in a country where prophets of failure never cease to croak. It is the optimists who achieve things and make others achieve them, and when the Secretary of the department says that he believes Ireland is on the road to becoming one of the most prosperous and progressive nations in the world, we think he is not exaggerating—at any rate the possibility exists. While the "pig-headed British farmer" is letting his land run waste, the more intelligent Irishman is feeding not only himself but his neighbor across the channel. He has developed the side-lines of agriculture as well as agriculture itself. Irish butter, bacon, poultry and eggs have got into the first rank in the market. It was inevitable, once the millstone was taken from the Irish farmer's neck, and once he had an opportunity and a helping hand on the path of progress. It will be the same with industrial Ireland. The men with brains and energy—the sort of men who used to go America or Australia and found great industrial enterprise there—will be encouraged to stay at home and work for Ireland and for their kind. We have progressed already in the twelve years of the department's work. We shall progress at an accelerated rate in the years to come, when Ireland's destinies will be more largely committed to the keeping of her own sons, and when national pride will be encouraged, the factious warfare of Orange and Green ended, and Irishmen make laws for the benefit of Irishmen.

HARDINSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kennedy, of Hardinsburg, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Margaret Kennedy, to Preston Jarboe. The marriage will take place Wednesday morning, October 18, in St. Romain's church.